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## We Have Expanded Before.

Bristol Courier.  
Probably nine-tenths of the opponents of expansion are opponents of it because, not having been born or having been quite young when the United States made any considerable extension of their domain, or not being familiar with the history of national land deals, these persons don't realize that this country has, since 1803, quadrupled its territory by conquest, or purchase, or both, says the Memphis Commercial Appeal. The cry of imperialism seems hollow indeed in the face of the fact that much of this territory was won with the sword, and in the case of some of it that was bought for money, the moral influence of the American arms made the bargain.

The other one-tenth of the opponents of expansion are probably opponents of it from principle. True, their principle doesn't convince or satisfy anybody except themselves of the correctness of their position, but it is a principle nevertheless; and when a man opposes you on account of "the principle of the thing" he means that he is open to no further argument.

To those anti-expansionists who oppose the holding of West Indian and Philippine territory because they don't realize that the United States have been in the annexing business persistently and continually since 1803, and that according to history, now is about the time for another act of this kind, the following argument of facts and figures is respectfully addressed:

In 1803 President Thomas Jefferson bought for the United States from France the territory known as the Louisiana purchase, which included, approximately, the present States of Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, North and South Dakota's Colorado, Wyoming and Montana, Indian Territory and the Territory of Oklahoma. The area was 1,171,931 square miles, and the price was \$15,000,000, of which \$3,750,000 consisted of the assumption by the United States of claims of their citizens against France.

In 1819 the United States acquired Florida from Spain, 59,268 square miles, this country assuming \$5,000,000 of claims of American citizens against Spain.

In 1845 the United States annexed Texas, adding 316,133 square miles to their domain.

In 1846 the unsettled north western boundary was fixed at the present northerly line of the State of Washington.

In 1848 the United States bought from Mexico for \$15,000,000 and the assumption of claims to the amount of \$3,250,000, what are now the States of California, Nevada and Utah, part of the States of Colorado and Wyoming, and parts of the territories of Arizona and New Mexico, 545,783 square miles.

In 1853 the United States bought for \$10,000,000 from Mexico (the Gadsden purchase) that part of Arizona and New Mexico south of the Gila river, 45,535 square miles.

In 1867 the United States bought from Russia for \$7,200,000 Alaska, 577,890 square miles.

By these acquisitions the territory of the United States was increased from 827,844 to 3,603,884 square miles. The forgoing real estate cost the United States 19 cents a square mile or \$55,450,000 and several wars.

The year 1898 promises to be an important one in the history of American annexation.

## Bought His Meal.

When the North Dakota regiment arrived at the ferry Tuesday they were, like the soldiers who preceded them, shown into the spacious dining room presided over by the ladies of the Red Cross. It was a good day for the soldier boys. The bill of fare was ample.

And perhaps the soldiers did not enjoy it! A few of them had been overcome by the long trip, but the majority of them were blessed with good appetite—the soldier's best friend.

One of the privates in particular enjoyed the repast immensely, and when he finished he sat back in his chair and said:

"Geel!"

"Did you get enough to eat?" asked a beautiful society girl at his side, her face beaming with kindness.

"I should say so," said the soldier, rising. That's the finest meal I've had since we started."

Then he looked at the pretty girl and tumbled in his pocket. Finally he found what he was looking for, and extended his hand with 10 cents in it.

"What is that?" asked the society bud.

"That's for the meal," said the private, somewhat embarrassed at her manner.

"Oh, we don't charge for this," she said. "This lunch is given by the Red Cross."

"Oh," he stammered, and his embarrassment deepened. "Well, you take this anyhow, and buy gum or something for yourself."

"Ten cents."

Her father is worth a million!

And the soldier's income is only about \$15 a month.

The pretty bud thought for awhile. She knew it would do the young fellow's heart good if she took the money. She would take it.

"But you must let me give you some flowers," she said. And as she pinned a boutonniere in his lapel she dropped a \$5 gold piece in his pocket.

—San Francisco Examiner.

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## NEGRO RULE IN CRAVEN.

Newbern Journal.

The truth that far exceeds the fiction of negro office holding is to be found in Craven county today.

And yet this negro office holding, which controls county affairs, bids fair to become greater than it is at present.

Familiarity with the negro in office may breed an indifference to his presence, may in time cause daily contact with him in his office to provoke no comment, and the right of the negro to govern the white man may be quietly accepted.

But before the white man loses his self-respect, his manhood, his belief and faith in Anglo-Saxon rule, before such a time shall come, if it were possible for the white race to fail beneath negro domination, the Journal will briefly picture Craven county of today, and the conditions which a white man must face.

His purchase of property makes him go to the court house and seek a negro concerning his right and title to the property.

Seeking a marriage license, he must seek the assistance of a negro in order that he, a white man, may legally and honorably assume the most sacred and lasting of life's contracts.

Perfectly innocent, yet himself and wife may be summoned by a warrant in the hands of a negro, to appear before a negro magistrate in an office surrounded by negroes of the lowest type.

Financial misfortune may come, the negro deputy sheriff visits his place of business, and in his company appears on the public highway, and perchance is taken by the same man to the county jail.

Or if an accident befalls him, the law demands an investigation, and a negro coronor and a negro jury render a verdict upon his remains before his family can take charge of them.

Truly not an encouraging picture, and yet white men have made such conditions possible, and unless white men rise against it, there can be no change.

Who can talk calmly on an issue with such a situation? What is Republicanism, Populism, Democracy, when every white man has the sting in his face, by the negro himself, of that old sneering remark "what are you going to do about it?"

And this, in Craven county, and will the white men do nothing?

Virginia Pilot: Friend, be you a reader or editor, don't you harbor the remotest idea that he who eggs you on to say his this or that, and applauds you with all his lungs, will ever help you with fist or money if your sayings get you into a fight or libel suit. He will read the criticisms of your rash utterances, and avoid you as if you were infectious, until he learns that you have fought or paid your way out, and are supposed to be a safe person to approach again.

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## South Carolina Negroes.

Wilmington Messenger.

"Day by day evidence accumulates to show the really deplorable condition of affairs in this old Commonwealth. The rule of negroes has proved from first to last hurtful, distressful, violent, and attended with great outbreaks of lawlessness. It was so in 1876-82 and it is so in 1894-98. So soon as Russell went in his 'savages' turned loose and played havoc. Every man of common sense and fairness, whatever his complexion and environments, must see that the reign of lawlessness is destructive and unless chaos is to come there must be a speedy return to the Reign of Law.

"A lady said to us not long since that there was a great influx into North Carolina of the South Carolina negroes. Down there the white men govern, although the 'savages' are greatly in numerical preponderance. S. C. got together almost two decades ago and resolved that they would be free and that carpet-baggers and negroes should not be their masters. They were well nigh ruined by the plunderers and they saw only ruin, complete and wide, before them if thieves were allowed to continue their official deaconing. So they rode to all the election precincts with red shirts and arms—rifles and shotguns—and at some places were 1,900 strong. The election did not go for the negroes and has never gone so, and what is more will never go so in South Carolina. We are reminded of this by an article in the Raleigh Post in which it was pointed out that 'there was a real danger of negroes from other States reversing conditions of population, making a negro majority in North Carolina.' If the danger is real, and we may not doubt it, then it is right and proper and most important that white men shall give no employment to negroes who cannot prove that they were born in North Carolina. Either this, or the South Carolina method will have to be adopted."

## Return of Confederate Flags.

At the thirty-second national encampment of the G. A. R., which began last Monday at Cincinnati, it is anticipated that the proposition to recommend to Congress the return of the Confederate flags will attract much attention. As the Confederate veterans generally have been invited to cooperate in the encampment, and they are prominently represented on the local committees, it is expected that much more favorable consideration will be given to this proposition than ever before.

It is argued by those who are actively favoring this recommendation that the federal and confederate soldiers have been fighting together in the Spanish war, and that the present is an opportune occasion for the final disposition of the old issue on the return of the flags. This question will be touched on at the camp fires before the business sessions of the encampment begin.

## How Long Will it Last.

Newbern Journal.

One day last week a young lady of this city returning home on one of New Berne's public streets, came to where three young negro men stood on the sidewalk in such a way as to obstruct the way. They made no effort to move so as to let her pass.

No white man was in seeing distance. The intention of the negroes was probably to compel the young lady, who indeed is but a girl, "standing with reluctant feet, where the stream and river meet," to pass between them. She chose to leave the walk in order to pass around them.

As she did so and reached a point opposite the three negroes, one of the brutes, seeing what he considered "airs" in the young lady, stretched out and slapped her in the face!

She reached her home as quickly as possible and told what had occurred. To make the matter more appalling, if possible, the young lady is an orphan and has no natural protection. Is there a white man in North Carolina who does not wish he was near when the blow was struck?

## AND THIS TOO.

Some days previous to this a young lady of this city, walking on Trent river bridge had an experience that brings tears of anger to her eyes whenever she remembers it.

Trent river bridge will be paid for mainly by the people of Craven county. The negroes will have the main benefit of its use. They seem to think that like the court house and public building and other places, that it is theirs.

The young lady mentioned is one of the loveliest of Southern womanhood. Dressed in white she stepped upon the Trent bridge to walk out a short distance to feel the cool breeze that usually passes up the river. Passing a negro woman she was startled by the woman walking close to her and thrusting the point of an umbrella into her side. She walked a little further and turning to go home she again encountered the black wench, who again did the same thing saying, "Oh, you think you are fine!"

## DON'T

Don't judge a woman's complexion by the box it comes in.

Don't attempt to borrow money on your wheel. It won't stand alone.

Don't get into the habit of talking to yourself if you are easily bored.

Don't think because you can fool some people that others can't fool you.

Don't think a man appreciates a cyclone because he is carried away with it.

Don't provide yourself with a wife and expect her to provide you with a home.

Don't take worry with you on your travels; you will find it on tap everywhere.

Don't think your milkman has pedigreed cows because he supplies you with blue milk.

Don't get the idea into your head that with women on juries there would be fewer disagreements.


Don't attempt to train up your children in the way they should go unless you are going that way yourself.—Chicago News.

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Asheville Citizen: Since fusion set the example of having the governor appoint aldermen for the cities of Newbern and Wilmington, and giving the small negro wards in Greenville two aldermen, while the larger wards are allowed to elect only one alderman, the democrats will be apt to avail themselves of the principle laid down in the case of Harris vs. Wright, decided by the present Supreme Court, which permits the legislature to have one form of county government for the eastern negro counties and another form of county government for the western white counties. The white people of the west should now rally to the support of the Democratic party and have these changes in county government made. Let them remember that blood is thicker than water, and give relief to the eastern whites, while having county government to their liking at home.

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